(b) and (c) Against the commitment by RINL to provide employment to 5000 displaced persons 6310 displaced persons have already been provided employment in VSP. These displaced persons have been taken in categories like Khalasis, Chargeman, technicians and in administration after following due process of selection. The age of these displaced persons employed ranges between 30 years and 50 years. As and when there is need for recruitment to posts in the non-executive cadre, this is done through the employment exchange and after following the approved procedure. Displaced persons fulfilling the eligibility are also allowed to participate in the selection process along with other candidates, as and when VSP announces vacancies, depending on their requirement.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.

Rehabilitation of displaced persons from RSP

1327. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum regarding solving the problem of those displaced from Rourkela Steel Plant at Orissa or has there been any agitation at local level in this regard;

(b) if so, the steps taken to solve the problem, so far; and

(c) the way Government are involving the State Government with a view to solve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) to (c) Government have received various representations from time to time regarding rehabilitation of local displaced persons from Rourkela Steel Plant at Orissa due to land acquisition. The land for the steel plant was acquired by the State Government in 1954—1962 and compensation was paid to the land oustees by the Govt. of Orissa from the amount deposited by RSP. RSP also provided preferential employment to persons under Local Displaced Persons category and in the process 6137 persons were employed in RSP against 4094 families displaced (2901 for Steel Plant and 1193 for Mandira Dam Project).

In the year 1993, due to agitation by some people claiming employment under LDP category, a joint exercise was undertaken with Government of Orissa to identify the displaced persons who had still not been covered

for employment in RSP. In the process, out of 1098 short listed Khatas, by the State Government 610 identified Khatas have already been covered in batches for undergoing training at ITI, Rourkela. Out of these 610 persons, employment was provided to 515 persons already (447 joined already and 68 to join after completing training and other formalities). Out of the balance 95 persons, 56 did not complete training/medically unfit and 39 Khatas were denotified by the Orissa Government. Rest 488 (1098-610) Khatas have to be identified by the State Government.

Besides, at the time of acquisition, they were provided with house site plots in resettlement colonies. These displaced families were also allotted waste land in the reclamation areas *in lieu* of their west land acquired. In the resettlement colonies, development work such as roads, schools, community centres, market, wells, tanks and permanent water supply had also been provided.

A High Power Committee with the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Government of Orissa, Revenue Department and including Managing Director, Rourkela Steel Plant has been constituted by the State Government to look into the LDP related problems at Rourkela.

Dismantling of Clemenceau

1328. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement had been reached between the Governments of France and India, for dismantling of the asbestos, laden decommissioned French ship Clemenceau, with its hazardous waste in the form of toxic asbestos;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement;

(c) whether the ship with toxic asbestos has been received for dismantling at the dismantling shipyard on Gujarat coast; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent contamination of Indian shipyard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.